

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (previously presented) A method of increasing Coenzyme A (CoA) flux, comprising:

- a) generating a bacterial cell comprising:
 - i) a recombinant *panK* gene encoding pantothenate kinase (PANK);
 - ii) a recombinant *pdh* gene encoding pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH), and
 - iii) a recombinant *atf* gene encoding alcohol acetyl transferase (ATF);
- b) culturing said cell in a cell medium comprising pantothenic acid under conditions wherein said recombinant *panK*, *pdh* and *atf* genes are expressed, thereby increasing CoA flux relative to said bacterial cell without said recombinant *panK*, *pdh* and *atf* genes.

Claim 28 (currently amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the bacterial cell further comprises reduced activity of *ackA*, ~~or and~~ *pta*, ~~or both~~ *ackA pta*.

Claim 29 (previously presented) The method of claim 27, where the *panK* gene is under the control of the *lac* promoter and the *atf* gene is under the control of the *ptb* promoter.

Claim 30 (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said cell is cultured in a bioreactor, fermentor, chemostat, or shaker-flask culture.

Claim 31 (currently amended) The method of claim 27, wherein increasing said CoA flux increases ~~conversion of an alcohol to an~~ production of an acetic ester.

Claim 32 (currently amended) A method of increasing Coenzyme A (CoA) flux comprising:

- a) generating a bacterial cell comprising:

- i) a combination of recombinant *panK* and *pdh* and *atf* genes encoding pantothenate kinase (PANK) and pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH) and alcohol acetyl transferase (ATF), respectively;
- ii) reduced activity of *ackA*, ~~or and~~ *pta*, ~~or both~~ *ackA pta*;

culturing said cell in a medium comprising pantothenic acid and isoamyl alcohol under conditions wherein said combination of recombinant genes is expressed, thereby increasing CoA flux, and thereby increasing production of an isoamyl acetate.

Claim 33 (previously presented) The method of claim 32, where the *panK* gene is under the control of the *lac* promoter and the *atf* gene is under the control of the *ptb* promoter.